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1. IN CONVERSATION APRIL 4 ARRANGED BY SAUDI ARABIAN
AMBASSADOR NAZIR AT HIS RESIDENCE, KING FEISAL'S
ADVISOR KAMAL ADHAM TOUCHED SEVERAL TIMES ON THE PROB-
LEM OF THE PALESTINIANS. HIS MAIN POINT WAS THAT
NEITHER THE PALESTINIANS NOR ISRAEL REALLY WANT A PEACE
AGREEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IN ALL THIS, I REFRAINED
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FROM TAKING UP THE REFERENCE TO ISRAEL, BUT SOUGHT TO ELICIT HIS VIEW OF THE FUTURE OF THE PALESTINIANS; I TRIED TO SET THE CONTEXT OF A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ARAB GOVERNMENTS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM.

2. THE FOCUS NARROWED DOWN TO THE " MILITANT" PALESTINIANS, AND ADHAM SAID THAT ARAFAT HAD EXPLAINED TO HIM THE PROBLEM HE AND THE PLO HAVE WITH THE HUSSEIN PLAN AS BEING " WE ARE NOT PART OF IT." IN OTHER WORDS, UNLESS THEY ARE INCLUDED IN THE DELIBERATIONS, THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT THE RESULTS. HE SAID THAT WHAT " PALESTINIANS"-- HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHICH ONES-- WANT IS TO BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THE AREA ONCE CALLED PALESTINE AND THERE LIVE IN PEACE WITH THE JEWS.

3. I NOTED THAT THE USG IS ON RECORD THAT ANY SETTLEMENT MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PALESTINIAN GERS

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